

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Tony GIORDANO *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 4861

Application No.: 10/762,395

Group Art Unit: 1639

Filed: January 22, 2004

Examiner: J. EPPERSON

For: **USE OF POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL GENE SILENCING FOR
IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT MODULATE
THE FUNCTION OF A CELL**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT (BONAFIDE)

This Reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated March 6, 2008. A petition and fee for a five month extension of time is submitted herewith. This Reply is timely filed on September 8, 2008 according to the next business day rule.

Please note that Applicants have twice attempted to change the correspondence address for this application. Kindly review the Resubmission of Revocation and New Power and Notification of Correspondence Address filed December 11, 2007 and change the correspondence address accordingly.

Amendments to the claims are included and begin on page 2.